

**REMARKS**

In the claims, multiple dependencies have been removed by distributing the limitations.

The above claims have also been amended to correspond them more closely to United States claiming practice, namely, by removing reference numerals, and by clarifying antecedent basis issues. In this manner, they should be in condition for allowance. These amendments to the claims are fully supported by the literal translation into English of the specification as filed in Germany, and they do not introduce new subject matter.

The claims as amended are incorporated into the substitute specification.

Respectfully submitted,



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